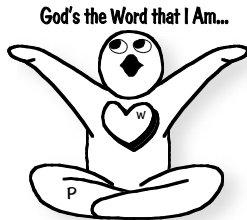


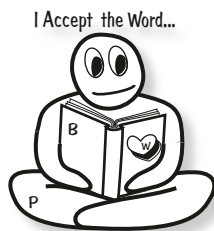
A 'Sacred Covenant' is the way that we are able to make the 'Word of God within us' active in our lives. Ultimately, it describes the way that the 'Will of God' wants to express itself through us. Following are the main elements of a Sacred Covenant.

My Purpose is the Word of God Within Me



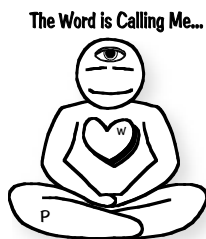
The *purpose* of anything is its *reason* for being. Consequently, our highest purpose will always reveal the true reason for our existence. This is why a 'Sacred Covenant' is built around the 'Word of God within us' as the Divine Purpose of our lives. This 'Word' is both the beginning and the fulfillment of the 'creative process' of our lives. Even though the 'Word of God' is *formless*, It has the inherent ability to *formulate* itself into experiences in the world that will always bless both ourselves and others. This is an ability that we do not possess when we merely rely on human knowledge based on our own past experience.

My Promise from God is my Foundation



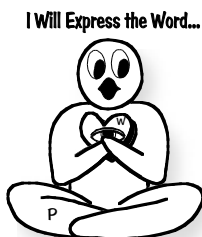
The symbol of a house is often used as a metaphor to describe our very own life. Just as a worldly house must be built on a firm foundation, so must our eternal life be built on a foundation that will not fail. Consequently, when our Sacred Covenant stands on a Promise from God, it is built on an enduring foundation that will produce eternal blessing in our lives. Therefore, it is important to find a Promise from God that stirs our heart, and captures the essence of what we want to express through our Sacred Covenant.

My Vision is My Calling



A *vision* is a mental perception of how we are being called upon to express the 'Word of God within us,' into the world in which we live. In this sense, our Vision is the True Calling of our lives. It is important that our Vision describe what we want to *give* to life, and not what we want to *get* from life. Therefore, a True Vision should be developed out of our Intentions in order to form a 'summary statement,' or *slogan* that embraces the essence of our Sacred Covenant. Furthermore, our Vision should not be overly objective, and should contain a minimal reference to forms.

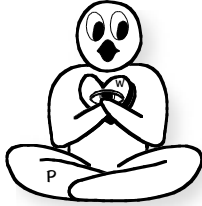
My Intentions Express My Calling



Our *intentions* are the *motives* that underlie our actions in the world. Good Intentions will produce 'right actions' that will express the 'Word of God within us' in a uniquely personal way. Consequently, our Sacred Covenant is filled with good Intentions that define our True Calling in life. In a sense, our Intentions create an 'Un-Hidden Agenda.' This is because they are *consciously* created in order to *reveal* the highest aspirations, that often lie hidden within our souls. Additionally, our Intentions will never describe something that could ever be 'checked off' as being fully completed. Consequently, our good Intentions will be come ever increasing expressions of Life, that will ultimately take us beyond death.

My Name is a Sacred Symbol

I Have Named the Word...



The name that we give our Sacred Covenant becomes a 'holistic symbol' for everything that it contains. The term 'in the name of...' literally means 'with the authority of.' Consequently, whatever we do in the name of our Sacred Covenant expresses all of the wisdom and power inherent in the Purpose, Vision, Intentions and Promise from God which it contains. Additionally, the Name also stands as a symbol for all of the good works that our Sacred Covenant produces in our lives, and in the lives of others. Because of all that it stands for, we are literally changed by the Name of our Sacred Covenant whenever we speak it aloud.

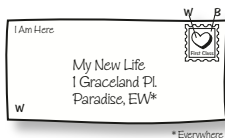
My Affirmations Embody My Sacred Covenant

I Am the Word Made Flesh.



Affirmations are the *actions* that bring our Sacred Covenant into form. Our first and last affirmations should always be the activity of prayer. Since prayer is highly effective on the *invisible* side of life, which is universal, it tends to activate our intentions in others, as well as in ourselves. Consequently, our prayers will draw opportunities and resources into our lives in a way that will seem miraculous. Additionally, since gratitude is the 'anointing of increase,' when we give thanks in prayer for whatever we receive in alignment with our intentions, it will tend to expand and increase the good we have already received.

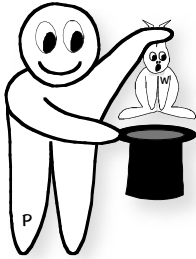
My Sacred Covenant is Like a Love Letter



In many ways, our Sacred Covenant is like a 'love letter' that we have written to Life itself. Our **Intentions** are like a sweet *poem* that reveals the highest aspirations of our souls. Our **Vision** is like the *envelope* into which we place our letter, and our **Name** is like the *address* that we place upon it. Our **Purpose** is like the *stamp* that ensures delivery. Our **Promise from God** is like the *postman* who delivers our letter for us. Finally, our **Affirmations** are like the *actions* that it takes to mail our correspondence.

My Sacred Covenant Works Like Magic

Abracadabra...



Holy Hocus-Pocus

Magic is not a *mystery*. It is simply when something happens that we don't expect. We call it *magic* only because we can not see the *cause* of an effect that we don't expect. In this sense, our Sacred Covenant will *seem* to work like *magic*. This is because it works on the 'invisible side' of our lives by faith. Consequently, we will not always be aware of *how* it is working, until it produces some new condition in our lives that we simply didn't expect. A Sacred Covenant is a new way of living that embraces God's Plan for our lives. Whereas human plans are based on objectives, and carried out through *our* actions, the Plan of God is based on *intentions*, and is carried out through *our faith*. This is why we must simply pray every day, and then be *patient* with a heart of trust in knowing that "the Father within is doing the works..." of our Sacred Covenant. (John 14:10)